

**CLAIMS:**

What is claimed is:

- 1 1. A method of multiplying two maximally negative fractional numbers to produce a  
2 32-bit result, comprising:  
3 fetching operands from a source location;  
4 performing a multiplication operation on the operands; and  
5 detecting that a result output of the multiplication operation corresponds to a  
6 maximally negative result;  
7 wherein the maximally negative result indicates that the operands are two  
8 maximally negative fractional numbers.
- 1 2. The method according to claim 1, further comprising the step of correcting the  
2 result output to produce a maximally positive result output.
- 1 3. The method according to claim 2, wherein the step of detecting that the result  
2 output of the multiplication operation corresponds to a maximally negative result includes  
3 the step of examining bits in a set of bits representing the result output.
- 1 4. The method according to claim 3, wherein the step of detecting that the result  
2 output of the multiplication operation corresponds to a maximally negative result includes  
3 the step of determining that the bits in the set of bits representing the result have a  
4 particular bit combination.

1 5. The method according to claim 4, wherein the bits in the set of bits are the thirtieth  
2 and thirty-first bits in the set of bits representing the result output.

1 6. The method according to claim 4, wherein the particular bit combination for the  
2 bits in the set of bits representing the result output is one and zero respectively.

1 7. The method according to claim 2, wherein the step of correcting the result to  
2 produce a maximally positive result includes the step of generating a control signal.

1 8. The method according to claim 7, wherein the step of correcting the result to  
2 produce a maximally positive result includes the step of modifying a negate control signal  
3 based on the control signal.

1 9. The method according to claim 8, wherein the step of correcting the result to  
2 produce a maximally positive result includes the step of performing a two's compliment on  
3 the result output.

1 10. The method according to claim 9, further comprising:  
2 accumulating the maximally positive result output to an accumulator.

1 11. The method according to claim 1, further comprising the step of fractionally  
2 aligning the result output.

1 12. The method according to claim 11, wherein the step of fractionally aligning the  
2 result output includes the step of shifting a set of bits representing the result output to the  
3 left by one bit to discard the most significant bit of the set of bits representing the result  
4 output and insert a zero as the least significant bit of the set of bits representing the result  
5 output.

1 13. The method according to claim 1, further comprising the step of sign extending the  
2 output result.

1 14. The method according to claim 13, wherein the result output is extended from a 32-  
2 bit result to a 40-bit result.

1 15. A processor for multiplication operation instruction processing, comprising:  
2 a DSP unit operable to:  
3 fetch operands from a source location;  
4 perform a multiplication operation on the operands; and  
5 a control block operable to detect that a result output of the multiplication operation  
6 corresponds to a maximally negative result;  
7 wherein the maximally negative result indicates that the operands are two  
8 maximally negative fractional numbers.

1 16. The processor according to claim 15, further comprising a negate logic operable to  
2 correct the result output to produce a maximally positive result output.

1 17. The processor according to claim 16, wherein the control block detects a maximally  
2 negative result by examining bits in a set of bits representing the result output.

1 18. The processor according to claim 17, wherein the examination of the bits in the set  
2 of bits is to determine a particular bit combination.

1 19. The processor according to claim 18, wherein the bits in the set of bits are the  
2 thirtieth and thirty-first bits in the set of bits representing the result output.

1 20. The processor according to claim 18, wherein the particular bit combination for the  
2 bits in the set of bits representing the result output is one and zero respectively.

1 21. The processor according to claim 16, wherein the control block generates a control  
2 signal.

1 22. The processor according to claim 21, wherein the control signal is operable to  
2 modify a negate control signal.

1 23. The processor according to claim 22, wherein the negate logic is operable to  
2 perform a two's compliment operation on the result output based on the negate control  
3 signal.

1 24. The processor according to claim 23, further comprising:

2 An accumulator operable to accumulate the maximally positive result output.

1 25. The processor according to claim 15, further comprising fractionally aligning logic

2 operable to fractionally align the result output.

1 26. The processor according to claim 25, wherein the fractionally alignment logic shifts

2 a set of bits representing the result output to the left by one bit to discard the most

3 significant bit of the set of bits representing the result output and insert a zero as the least

4 significant bit of the set of bits representing the result output.

1 27. The processor according to claim 15, further comprising sign extension logic

2 operable to sign extend the result output.

1 28. The processor according to claim 27, wherein the sign extension logic extends the

2 result output from a 32-bit result to a 40-bit result.